

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the remarks and analysis contained in the Office Action. Claims 1, 2, 4 and 12 are amended above. New claims 18-23 are added. Applicant respectfully request reconsideration of this application.


Claims 1-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Romann, et al.* Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. That reference does not include any piercing of an insulation layer. Instead, the circuit board 1 of that document has preset holes 8 through which the connector pins 9 are received. Accordingly, there is no anticipation.

This case is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes that additional fees in the amount of \$54.00 is required for three claims in excess of twenty. A check in the amount of \$54.00 is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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